



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

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28TH FEBRUARY 2022

“Unlocking the potential in all, empowering a community of Hope”

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

Firstly - an apology. As you may have gathered, we became a little short staffed before half term and the school didn't run as smoothly as it normally does. On one day last half term we had 10 members of staff off, some with covid and other reasons. We are so lucky at St. Peter's that we have a large number of qualified teachers who work as TAs who are happy to cover, however we were more stretched than ever so our consistency and continuity wasn't as smooth as normal in some year groups. We did manage to fully staff our residential visits and the other children received their normal high quality teaching, however, we are so relieved to be back up to full strength with a full staffing complement today - for the first time since the start of covid! A very happy day today!



Ofsted did give us a call a couple of weeks ago however due to many of the senior team being absent their visit was rearranged. We do therefore anticipate that Ofsted will visit St. Peter's in the next few weeks. Our door is always open and if you have any questions or want anything to improve in school, please do let us know and we will endeavour to make sure our school is the very best it can be, 'unlocking

the potential in all'. We look forward to the inspection where we can share our school's successes and its improvement over the last 5 years.

Please do read our ParentMail about Reading Week. This is such a great week to celebrate the joy of reading! The week has already started with the children enjoying webinars with some incredibly famous authors. Please do encourage your child to read at home and fill in their Reading Record book to celebrate their enthusiasm and love of books.

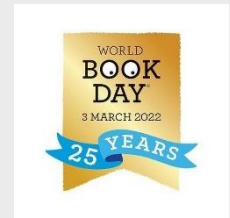
I am sure you will be following the news avidly and trying to make sense of the situation in the Ukraine at the moment. We are very sensitive to how the children are feeling about this and we are making sure that it is handled well in school. We are currently working on a charity day next week where children can come dressed in blue and yellow to raise money for charities that are supporting the Humanitarian crisis. Please watch out for more details. I'm aware that it's very tokenistic, however it feels right to do something positive to help the situation, no matter how small.

With my very best wishes to everyone at this time.

Charlotte Hickerton

BOOK WEEK

Book Week and World Book Day are THIS WEEK - it's one of our favourite times of the year! What's not to love about a whole week dedicated to books and reading? We have lots of exciting things planned for this year and we are very excited to be able to visit the library and welcome special visitors into school. Below are just a few of the things happening in school! Please keep an eye on social media for updates and photos throughout the week.



Stories, poems and non-fiction

The theme for our Book Week is picture books. Teachers will be carefully selecting a high quality book to base learning on during this week. We will reveal the books chosen for each class at the start of the week.

We will also be reading daily non-fiction extracts linked to our current and new topics. In addition, each class will be sharing, learning and performing a poem! These will be shared on the Facebook page.

Masked reader

Every day throughout the week, we will be sharing special poetry performances for children and families to watch and enjoy. These will be poems read by a member of staff but children will not be able to see their faces! In the theme of the masked reader, they can guess who they think might be reading poem before the reveal at the end.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 3rd March**, we are looking forward to seeing children dressed up as popular book and story characters. All of the children are invited on this day to join a very special tea party hosted by Alice and the Mad Hatter where they will be able to 'taste' a variety of new and exciting texts. Class photos will also take place on this day.

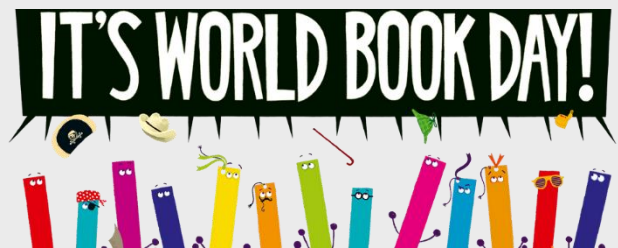
Debutots

Children in EYFS and KS1 will also be enjoying a book themed workshop with Debutots linked to some of their favourite stories.

Library visits

We are so excited to be able to visit the library and local book shop to spend our vouchers this year. Lincoln Central Library have organised a series of special workshops just for us! The dates/times for each class visit is below. We will need additional adult support for these visits - please do speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help. On the way back from the library, each class will pop into Waterstones to choose their favourite World Book Day book to take home with them. All classes will be back by the end of the school day.

Monday 28th February - Year 6 - Leaving school at 1:00pm
Tuesday 1st March - Year 5 - Leaving school at 9:00am
Wednesday 2nd March - Year 4 - Leaving school at 1:00pm
Thursday 3rd March - Year 3 - Leaving at 9:00am
Thursday 3rd March - Year 2 - Leaving at 1:00pm
Friday 4th March - Reception - Leaving at 9:00am
Friday 4th March - Year 1 - Leaving at 1:00pm



Virtual author, illustrator and poet workshops

Every class will be engaging with various virtual workshops throughout the week with famous authors such as Julia Donaldson. We have a very special video message created just for us by the lovely Andy Shepherd, author of 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' series.

25 years of World Book Day

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of World Book Day, all children will be invited to take part in series of book themed challenges that they can complete at home. This will include our 'extreme reading' photo competition (extreme but safe!). Please do Tweet us with your entries of reading in unusual places. We'd also love to see your photos of your favourite books - don't forget to tell us why you love them!

We are all looking forward to a busy and exciting week

Mrs Bradley

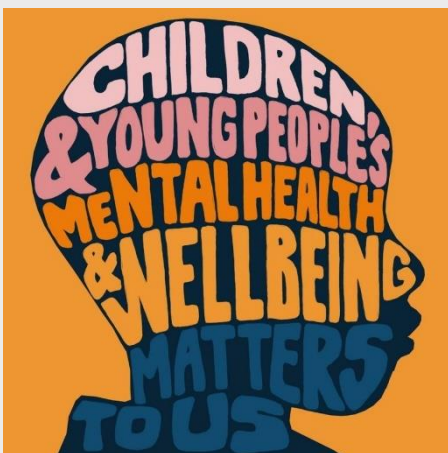
RAISING MONEY FOR UKRIANE CRISIS RELIEF FUND

At St. Peter's we have many children and families from all over Europe and in fact the world! We want to join together to help the people in the Ukraine who are being displaced and raise money that will go towards helping the people in need. Millions of civilians are caught in the middle of an escalating military conflict and humanitarian crisis, and casualties are rising. Our fundraising will support Ukrainians in need, with a focus on the most vulnerable, including children.



WELLBEING WARRIORS

We have some exciting news at St Peter's! These are our new WELL-BEING WARRIORS ✨ They are role models in school, who will be supporting children with their well-being and spreading awareness about mental health!



Please see more details in our Wellbeing newsletter, coming soon!

PARKING UPDATE

We are delighted to report an improvement in our parking situation with the vast majority of our parents parking away from school, using the park and stride and parking in responsible way at both sides of the school building. Thank you for this. We are excited to announce a visit from the Mayor of Lincoln on 11th March to launch a poster competition to help everyone to be aware of how to park perfectly and avoid dangerous parking around school. The prizes are fantastic (Jump Inc. tickets and Everyman cinema tickets). We look forward to the creation of some amazing posters to help us keep our roads safe for all.



RED NOSE DAY



Red noses are for sale from next week. Red Nose Day is coming really fast - please bring in £1.50 for a red nose, we have plenty but we would hate the children to be disappointed. They will be on sale at the front of the school from Monday next week. Red Nose Day will be celebrated with a whole school joke competition, so please do encourage your child to learn a joke and deliver it for maximum laughs!

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FROM OUR DESIGNATED SAFEUARDING LEADS (DSLs)

What is Safeguarding?

All organisations that work with or come into contact with children have safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm.

Setting up and following good safeguarding policies and procedures means children are safe from adults and other children who might pose a risk. Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Child protection is part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child. (Taken from the NSPCC website.)



If you would like any further information, please speak to any of our DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Our school DSLs are:-

Charlotte Hickerton - Headteacher - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sammy Robinson - Family Support Advisor - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

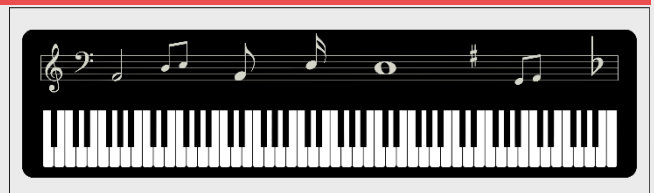
Kinga Wilson - Family Support Advisor - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Vicky Cook - EYFS Team Leader/SENDSCO - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

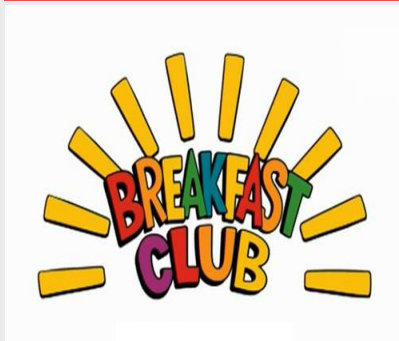
If you are worried about a child or are aware that a child may have been harmed please call Lincolnshire Customer Service Centre on 01522 782111 or speak to one of the schools DSL's (Deputy Safeguarding Leads). For information on reporting on-line safety please visit www.ceop.gov.uk

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Does your child have an interest in learning an instrument? If so - we have space for you! The lessons are back in place on Mondays with our wonderful piano teacher Mrs Jones. She is an expert piano and voice teacher, but should your child wish to learn another instrument this may be something we can accommodate. Please ask at the office if this is something you would be interested in. The cost is fairly high as it is such a specialist area, however if your child is FSM, the cost is 50% less, and completely free for any LAC children! These places will get filled quite fast so please do ask quickly!



BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB - A GREAT START TO THE DAY



Breakfast Club is now starting at 7.35am, and running till the start of the day. This is a great option for only £2 per day for working parents as it will guarantee a healthy and positive start to the day for the children. You do not need to book and can drop in at any time after 7.35am. As well as a healthy breakfast the children also have activities that include -

- Music with Peter the Music Man
- Multi-sports with Mr Marshall
- Gymnastics and games with Mr Magee
- Art and Crafts with Mrs Mayer

Please do give it a try, the children gain so much from this opportunity.

UNIFORM STALL

St Peter at Gowts PTA will be having their second-hand uniform sale on the school playground on 17th and 18th March from 3.15pm. Please don't forget to come along if you need school uniform - prices from 50p.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 1st March - Year 2 Forest School Visit (also 8th March)
Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day & Class Photograph Day
Thursday 3rd March - Year 4 Class Family Worship
Friday 4th March - Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents/Carers (3.30pm)
Wednesday 9th March - Year 1 & Year 2 Lincoln Castle Visit
Friday 11th March - Year 5 North Kesteven Academy Visit
Friday 11th March - LCC National Child Measurement Programme (Reception & Year 6)
Tuesday 15th March - Year 2 Forest School Visit (also 22nd & 29th March)
Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March - Uniform Shop (from 3.15pm)
Thursday 17th March - Year 3 Class Family Worship
Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day
W/c Monday 21st March - IsingPop Week
Tuesday 22nd March - Parents Evening
Thursday 24th March - Parents Evening
Thursday 31st March - Easter Service
Thursday 31st March - Children finish for Easter break

TERM DATES

Please do take a note of these term dates and remember that every day in school is vital for all children!

Term 4 - Monday 21st February 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022

Term 5 - **Wednesday 20th April 2022** to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6 - Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

